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FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1745

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FOR CHARLES W. GROVER ARA/MGT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ATRN, PA

SUBJECT: HHE: DAN A. WILSON

REF: 1) ASUNCION 4132 (1973), 2) STATE 228138 (1973),
3) ASUNCION 4576 (1973), 4) ASUNCION 4664 (1973),
5) STATE 003591

1. URGENTLY REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE INTERVENTION WITH ST/TO TO
EXPEDITE AIR SHIPMENT HHE OF DAN A. WILSON.

2. ST/TO WAS REQUESTED JULY 1973 TO AIR FREIGHT HHE TO ASUNCION.
DUE TO DELAYS, CABLE INQUIRIES ON STATUS INITIATED OCTOBER 1973
(REF 1). DUE APPARENT LACK OF ATTENTION ON PART ST/TO, HHE
CONSIGNED TO DESPATCH AGENT WHO APPARENTLY MISDIRECTED SHIPMENT
TO NEW YORK FOR OCEAN SHIPMENT (REF 2).

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED 20 NOVEMBER THAT ST/TO RECOVER CONTROL
OF SHIPMENT AND EXPEDITE GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE IN CONSIDER-
ATION OF DELAYS TO DATE (REF 3). TO SOLVE PROBLEM EMPLOYEE
OFFERED TO PAY UP TO \$200 TO HAVE HHE SUITABLY REPACKED TO
ALLOW AIR SHIPMENT, AND ONCE AGAIN EMBASSY REQUESTED
"URGENT AND CONTINUED ATTENTION" (REF 4). SINCE NOVEMBER, ST/TO
HAS APPARENTLY TAKEN NO ACTION, AND ST/TO RESPONSE TO TWO SUB-
SEQUENT FOLLOWUPS LIMITED TO ADVISE (REF 5) THAT "HHE IN NEW
YORK WITH MOTOR FREIGHT CARRIER."

4. EMBASSY UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND ST/TO FAILURE TO TAKE ACTION
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REQUESTED IN NOVEMBER, IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT AMBASSADOR

DURING TDY WASHINGTON IN EARLY DECEMBER HAD REQUESTED SHIPMENT
BE EXPEDITED.

5. FAILURE TO RECEIVE HHE HAS CAUSED EMPLOYEE WILSON SUBSTANTIAL
OUT OF POCKET EXPENSE FOR PURCHASE OF ESSENTIAL HOUSEKEEPING
ITEMS SUCH AS SHEETS, TOWELS, CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, ETC. THAT
WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN INCURRED HAD TIMELY SHIPMENT BEEN EFFECTED
BY ST/TO.

6. IN VIEW OF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES EMBASSY WOULD GREATLY
APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD INQUIRE AND FOLLOW UP ACTION BY ST/TO
TO ACCOMPLISH EARLIEST POSSIBLE MAC SHIPMENT AND ADVISE EMBASSY
OF ST/TO ACTION AND TIMTABLE.

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